

**Blaine L. Parker, Invasive Species Coordinator - Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission**

Blaine L. Parker is currently the invasive species coordinator for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission in Portland Oregon. Mr. Parker has worked for the Commission and its' member Tribes since 1991, and has been involved with invasive species issues since the late 1990's. In addition to his invasive species efforts, Mr. Parker's other responsibilities include research, enhancement, and management of white sturgeon. Recently, his duties expanded to include actions aimed at reducing predation on juvenile salmonids from piscivorous birds and fish in the Columbia River basin. Prior to working for the Commission, Mr. Parker worked as a fisheries biologist for the United States Forest Service in Idaho and Oregon.

Mr. Parker completed his Bachelor of Science from Montana State University in 1985 and his Master of Science in Zoology from Idaho State University in 1990. Mr. Parker spent his formative years in a military family and by the time he graduated from high school in Hawaii; he had lived in four other states.

Professionally, Mr. Parker has made numerous presentations at state, regional, national and international professional meetings for fisheries and invasive species. He is an active member of the Columbia River Basin Team of the 100<sup>th</sup> Meridian Initiative. He also is a past member of the Oregon Invasive Species Council. In 2014, Mr. Parker was awarded the Biologist of the Year at the National Meeting for the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society.

In his free time, he and his wife will be found following their daughter's gymnastics career, fishing and hunting with his sons, and battling invasive plants near his home.